

## THE HERALD.

JOHN P. BARRETT, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1876.

## Hon. James A. McKenzie.

This gentleman is announced in this issue of our paper as a candidate for Congress from this district. Mr. McKenzie is probably unknown to a great many of our readers, and hence we think it proper and right to give them a short statement of his public service and political life. Mr. McKenzie was born and reared and has always lived in Christian county. He is about 35 years old, and was elected to represent his county in the Legislature when but 27 years old, and was subsequently re-elected; and during the four years' service in this position he won for himself quite an enviable position as a legislator and an able debater. When the 15th Amendment was adopted it gave his county in to Republican keeping by a large majority; but in 1871 his party called on him to make the race for Senate in the district composed of Christian and Muhlenburg, and although defeat was certain, he accepted the call and made a gallant fight, and reduced the majority considerably, and succeeded in carrying Muhlenburg county, which was otherwise lost to the Democrats at the same time. In 1872 he was elected as one of the Presidential electors of the state at large and canvassed about forty counties.

In 1875 he was unanimously nominated by the Democrats of his county as a candidate for county Representative, and after repeatedly declining, and the nomination being repeatedly renewed, he finally accepted and made a gallant fight and succeeded in reducing the Republican majority from 500 to less than 50. When he first announced himself as a candidate for Congress, he had opposition in the person of Hon. J. P. Campbell of his own county. They agreed to leave it to the Democrats of their county to say which one should make the race, and the result was almost a unanimous choice for Mr. McKenzie.

He comes now before the Democrats of the district with this endorsement of his own people, and asks a fair consideration of his claims for the nomination for Congress. He has undoubtedly made many sacrifices in behalf of the Democratic party, with but little reward; and if Democrats can conveniently give him their support, he will no doubt appreciate it properly. He is a brilliant young man, always a Democrat, and one deserving well of his fellowmen, and would make an excellent representative.

D. H. French, of Lagrange, Ky., (formerly of this place), has been appointed assistant elector for that district by the Democratic State Convention. This is quite a compliment to our young friend and one we feel certain he will prove himself worthy of. With a good platform and Tilden and Hendricks on it, Mr. French will strike many good blows for the good cause.

## From McHenry Vicinity.

Ohio County, May 30th, '76.

Editor Herald:  
As I have seen no communications in your paper from this immediate vicinity (or backwoods, as some people call it), I will endeavor, in my feeble and awkward manner, to write something to be represented in the HARTFORD HERALD, if nothing else.

As for news of importance and interest, I have none that would attract the attention of your readers in the least, more than that we know we are not as much backwoodsmen as we have always been represented. The HERALD is read by nearly every person in the neighborhood, besides several other papers that are taken by the old men to keep up with the political issues of the day. And there is that famous and noted Central Grove school-house, where so many of the young men and women first learned their A B C. They can call back to memory the days that are past and gone—of the happy moments they have spent together at that place, and it will ever be engraved upon the tablet of our memory, of the time when that honorable and estimable gentleman, R. P. Hoeker closed his school there five or six years ago. Enough on that.

Wheat looks fine and promises an abundant yield. Corn is doing very well and would grow fast if the insects would let it alone. Oats, early sowing looks tolerably well; late, not so well. Tobacco plants are scarce and not very large. There will not be much set till late. Several are planting their tobacco ground in corn. The farmers are being bothered now about plowing, on account of their horses having the distemper.

Mrs. Rachel Brown and Miss Florence Brown, of the Shultz neighborhood are visiting relatives in our quarters, and expect to go to Texas in a short time.

Yours,  
L. B. L.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3, 1876.  
THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION.

A good deal of interest is felt here in the Democratic Convention of Virginia which commences in Richmond to-day. Virginia, styled the Mother of Presidents, used in the past, to exert a mighty influence in the selection of candidates, as well as in their election. The leading Democrats of the State are understood now to favor a negative policy, as regards their expression of choice, in reference to the St. Louis nomination. They ask of the North that it shall give them its best and strongest man; and they promise that he shall have their earnest support, whoever he may be. This is, as a rule, the attitude of the whole South. The very general expression in the Southern press, and by Southern men, in favor of Governor Tilden, is based upon the knowledge of his strength with the people in New York and elsewhere, as a practical Reformer. Senator Bayard is the favorite with the mass of Southern men, and if a Southern man were to be elected, he would be nearly their unanimous choice. Thurman and Hendricks also have warm earnest friends in the Southern States. It is evident, however, that the desire for success in the election will overbear all personal and sectional preferences. Whoever shall appear to the Convention to be certain to carry the most States, on the great issue of Administrative Reform, upon which the people are fully aroused, will undoubtedly receive the nomination. Whether Tilden will be the man, or not, is a matter for conjecture. It is worth stating, in this connection, however, that the opposition to Tilden in New York has proven an element of strength. The Charleston (S. C.) Courier, and other papers which have opposed him, have recently declared in his favor, for the very reason that the character of his enemies show that he is not controlled by the Ring men of New York. Governor Tilden has reduced the taxes of New York State \$8,000,000, or nearly one-half, in sixteen months. Going before the people with that record, it will be impossible to beat him.

Gov. Tilden's friends assert that neither he nor they knew anything at all about the circular recently sent to newspapers, asking them to print certain extracts from the press in various parts of the country favorable to Tilden, to be charged for as advertisements. The fact that the circular was sent to, among others, several papers widely and generally known to be violently opposed to Governor Tilden, and that it purported to come from an advertising agency of which "Petroleum V. Nasby," the most rampant of radical Republicans, is the principal, ought to have satisfied everybody that it was a sort of political practical joke, so to speak. But the emphatic denial which now comes from Gov. Tilden's friends, of any responsibility for or knowledge of it will satisfy any doubts that may have existed.

## TILDEN'S PERSONAL POPULARITY IN NEW YORK.

A Congressman called my attention, this morning, to the fact that Gov. Jno. A. Dix, the most popular Republican Governor New York ever had, was elected by over 53,000 majority in '72. Governor Tilden ran against Dix in '74, and defeated him by over 50,000 majority; a change of over 100,000 votes in favor of Tilden. And yet, in that election, he was bitterly opposed by all the corrupt men of the Democratic party, and their "respectable" friends who are opposing him now.

POLITICAL HARANGUES AT ARLINGTON. Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York, and who would accept either the Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination at Cincinnati, was the orator at the Arlington on Decoration Day, and improved the opportunity of making a Republican stump speech. He referred to the "practical intolerance of the South, the practical denial of personal liberty, the practical denial of popular education, and the persistent effort to revive old systems under new forms." Throughout his discourse he endeavored to impress upon his hearers the superior virtues of his party. But Col. Moody, "the fighting parson," who made the opening prayer, went further than Woodford, in his special plea in behalf of the Republican party; and in a prayer of half an hour in length, he enlightened the Lord as to the achievements of Radicalism, and thanked Him that "those who inaugurated open, flagrant, and deadly war to compel our government to submit to its own dissolution have made to submit." This is a fair specimen of the usual performances at Arlington on Decoration Day. The Evening Star, of this city, which may be ranked as an independent Republican

paper, in an editorial article yesterday on Decoration Day, urges its observance by the Northern and Southern people simultaneously and in common, and says: "Since the union of our common country in harmony, is conceded to be a consummation devoutly to be wished, why not make the day one of honor to American valor without reference to the side on which the heroic dead fought in our late unhappy civil strife? Good for the Star.

## THE SECRET SERVICE FUND.

One of the foulest and most inexcusable wrongs perpetrated by Congress, under Republican rule, was the appropriation from the public treasury, of an enormous sum of money, which was expended as he desired, without responsibility to any one, and denominated the "Secret Service Fund." It has been discovered by investigating committees of the Secret Service Fund went, and for what purposes it was expended. When William was Attorney General, he expended large sums in the employment of men who travelled through the South ostensibly on business, but really to foment strife between the two races, and to manufacture "Klu Klux outrages." This has been sworn to by Whitley, ex-chief of detectives of the United States, who had, under William, directed the management of the whole infamous business. The next point to which the committee directed its attention was the disposition made of a portion of this fund by one John Davenport, in the discovery of election frauds in New York City. As an evidence that the Secret Service Fund was literally stolen from the Treasury, contrary to all law and precedent, and with the intention that it should be used to keep the Republican party in power, it is a little remarkable that upon no occasion was a single dollar expended to detect and expose Republican frauds in elections, though they were numerous and unblushing all over the country; but always for the exposure of alleged frauds on the part of the opposition. It is to be hoped that Mr. Sam Randall and his Appropriation Committee will see to it that the President and Department and Bureau Officers shall not be provided by this Congress with public money to be expended as they see fit, and without being obliged to account for every dollar of it, as it is expended, and not three or four years afterwards, before an investigating committee.

A NEGRO girl about fourteen years of age, the daughter of Bob. Hopson who lives at Mr. Roberts Mill's, was burned to death Wednesday evening. She attempted to kindle a fire with coal oil and the can exploded, causing her clothing to ignite and burning her so seriously that she survived but a few hours.—Kentucky News Era.

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